

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1 and 3-8 remain pending and under consideration.

Response to § 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,155,840 ("Sallette") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,076 ("Logan"). This rejection is respectfully traversed because Sallette in view of Logan does not teach or suggest all the features of the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "storing an address table which includes respective terminal addresses . . . and . . . flag information indicating whether each of the terminal addresses is to be notified." Furthermore, claim 1 also recites referring to the table when determining whether each of the terminals is to be notified (claim 1, lines 12-14). Sallette in view of Logan does not teach or suggest at least these features.

Sallette is directed to a distributed learning system. The system allows a teacher to control information that appears on computer screens associated with audience members. Sallette does not teach or suggest any features comparable to the above quoted features of claim 1. Logan is directed to an audio program player. The player allows users to dynamically and interactively select and play audio programs from a program library. The system of Logan also does not teach or suggest anything comparable to the above quoted features of claim 1.

As neither Sallette nor Logan disclose any features comparable to the above mentioned features of claim 1, the two references in combination also do not teach or suggest the above mentioned features. Thus, these references do not render claim 1 unpatentable.

Claims 3 and 4-6 recite features that are similar to the above quoted features of claim 1. Thus, Sallette in view of Logan also does not render these claims unpatentable. Claims 7 and 8 are patentable over Sallette in view of Logan at least because these claims depend upon one of the previously discussed claims.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this reply, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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